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Governor Davis Proposes Rural Health Grants Continuation

The budget proposed by Governor Davis for FY 2001-2002 calls for continuation of the OSHPD Rural Health Capital Grants Program at \$3.0 million and the CRHPC Rural Health Small Grants Program at \$1.047 million. Both programs are administered within the CRHPC office.

OSHPD Centralizes Rural Health

Under the leadership of OSHPD Director David M. Carlisle, M.D., Ph.D., rural health activities have been centralized. With the CRHPC office based within OSHPD, it made good sense to move administration of both the OSHPD Capital Grants Program and the CRHPC Small Grants Program to the CRHPC office.

Health Program Specialist Kathleen Maestas, who previously administered the CRHPC Rural Health Jobs Available Service, is now administering both of these grant programs.

Also transferred was the Critical Access Hospital Program administered by Health Planning Specialist Ernesto Iglesias.

Ernesto is responsible for this program and works with eligible rural hospitals, the California State Office of Rural Health at the California Department of Health Services, the hospital associations, and the federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

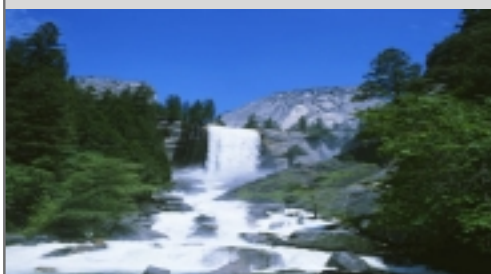
Dr. Carlisle's action is responsive to the rural constituency and consistent with the CRHPC's major policy issue paper on Standardization and Consolidation.

RHPC Office is Moving!

Beginning February 24, 2001 our office will be located at 818 K St., Room 210, Sacramento, CA 95814. Our toll-free number will remain the same. Our new local phone number will be 916/324-0662 and the fax number will be 916/324-0690.



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Save Energy.
For energy saving tips,
visit the Governor's web site at
www.ca.gov



CRHPC Public Meeting
Friday, March 23, 2001
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp, CA

Held in partnership with the California Healthcare Association, Rural Healthcare Symposium.

Governor Davis Names Department of Alcohol and Drugs Programs Director

Governor Davis has announced the appointment of Kathryn Jett as director of the Department of Alcohol and Drugs Programs, making Ms. Jett the newest member of the California Rural Health Policy Council. Ms. Jett previously served as chief of the Department of Health Services' Office of Women's Health where she focused on improving delivery of comprehensive health care services for women and girls.

Primary Care, Dental & Mental Health HPSAs

The original applicant for a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation receives notification of the impending review for redesignation every three years. However, many times the original applicant is either no longer in business or does not re-apply for the designation, in which case the Medical Service Study Area (MSSA) loses its shortage designation.

At the beginning of each calendar year, the CRHPC will list the MSSAs in rural areas that are up for review in that year. Listed below are the MSSAs up for review in 2001.

Each of the three professional area designations (primary care, dental, and mental health) are included below and listed by county, MSSA, and, if necessary, census tract (CT).

For information on the review and redesignation process, please contact Ms. Konder Chung, Shortage Designation Unit, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, 916/654-2884.

Primary Care

Colusa - entire county

El Dorado -

N. El Dorado County - (CT. 306.03).

Fresno -

Reedley/Orange Cove/Parlier (MSSA 34) for poverty and migrant populations.

Humboldt -

Willow Creek (MSSA 38).

Inyo -

Death Valley (MSSA 56).
Independence (MSSA 54).
Lone Pine (MSSA 55).

Kern -

Buttonwillow (MSSA 59).
Shafter/Wasco (MSSA 58).
Taft (MSSA 57.2).

Lassen -

Big Valley (MSSA 73, CT 401).

Mariposa -

Coulterville (MSSA 84).
Mariposa (MSSA 85).

Mendocino -

Boonville/Navarro/Philo/
Yorkville, (MSSA 87).
Covelo (MSSA 92).
Redwood Coast Medical Services (Facility HPSA).

Modoc -

Adin/Lookout, (MSSA 100 - CT 101.002).

Monterey -

Gonzales/Greenfield/Soledad, (MSSA 107).
King City, (MSSA 105).

Placer -

Foresthill/Back Country, (MSSA 120).

San Bernardino -

Big Bear Lake/Fawnskin/
Moorridge/Sugarloaf, (MSSA 146), for the low-income population.
Needles, (MSSA 143).

Shasta -

Sacramento Canyon/Castella/
Lakehead/O'Brien, (MSSA 187).

Southern Redding/Anderson/
Cottonwood, (MSSA 189),
for Medi-Cal eligibles.
Shasta Community Health Center (Facility HPSA).

Sierra -

Downieville (MSSA 192, CT 100).
Happy Camp, (MSSA 193).

Tehama -

SW East Tehama/Los Molinas/
Corning, (MSSA 222).

Trinity -

Hayfork/Forest Glen/Peanut, (MSSA 225).
Lower Trinity/Helena/Salyer, (MSSA 223).

Tulare -

Cutler/Orosi/Dinuba (MSSA 227) for the low-income population.
Earlimart/Pixley/Tipton, (MSSA 230).
Porterville/Springville & Johnsondale, (MSSAs 231 & 232).

Tuolumne -

Groveland, (MSSA 235).
Stanislaus/Yosemite, (MSSA 236).

Dental

Glenn -

Willow, (MSSA 37), for migrant farmworker & low-income populations.

Lassen -

Susanville/Honey Lake/
Madeline Plains/Susanville,
and Westwood, for the low-income population.

Mendocino -

Covelo, (MSSA 92).

Monterey -

Greenfield/Soledad/Gonzales, (MSSA 107).
King City, (MSSA 105).

Mental Health

Calaveras - entire county

Tuolumne - entire county

County Medical Services Program Announces Two Grant Programs

Wellness & Prevention Program Grants - \$6.0 million

The Request for Application (RFA) seeks proposals for projects that focus on improving the health status of poor and underserved populations residing in County Medical Service Program (CMSP) counties.

The lead agency for these grants may be either a county agency or nonprofit agency. Projects must involve a collaboration between a county agency and at least one community-based partner. Projects will be funded in each CMSP county and funding will be provided as a three-year grant (April 2001 through March 2004).

Funding for this program is made possible by a grant from the California Endowment to the CMSP Governing Board.

Grant applications became available on January 3, 2001 and are due February 26, 2001. The RFA is available on-line at www.cmspcounties.org under GRANTS. For a hard copy of the RFA, please call Ms. Myra Makelim at 916/322-9465.

Strategic Plan Demonstration Project Grants - \$4.0 million

The Request for Application (RFA) seeks proposals from county agencies in participating CMSP counties for the development of organized systems of care that address the needs of the CMSP population in the following areas: disease management, high-cost case management, mental health treatment and case management,

and substance abuse treatment and case management.

The lead agency for these grants must be a county agency. Proposed projects must involve a collaboration that includes at least one community-based partner. Projects will be funded as a two-year grant (April 2001 through March 2003).

Funding for this program is from the CMSP Governing Board.

Grant applications became available January 3, 2001 and are due February 26, 2001. The RFA is available on-line at www.cmspcounties.org under GRANTS. For a hard copy of the RFA call Ms. Susan Thomas at 916/554-6424.

California Accepting Applications for Participation in Proposition 36

The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADP) is currently accepting applications to license and certify facilities that seek to provide treatment to people arrested for drug possession. This is a result of the state's newly-passed Proposition 36.

Proposition 36 requires judges to send first or second-time offenders arrested for drug possession to treatment centers instead of prison. The proposition requires the state to be ready to treat an additional 3,000 addicts each month by July 1, 2001.

Title 9, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 10501(a)(6), defines a program as providing one or more of the

following services within a residential setting:

- detoxification
- educational sessions
- group sessions
- individual sessions
- treatment or recovery planning

Residential facilities that provide nonmedical alcohol or drug abuse recovery, treatment or detoxification services to adults must be licensed by the ADP. Health and safety concerns are the primary focus of the license process (e.g., fire clearance, food service, personnel requirements, physical environment and personal rights). Nonresidential programs are not required to be licensed.

Prospective residential facilities that wish to provide nonmedical alcoholism or drug abuse recovery, treatment or detoxification services to adults need to contact the ADP Licensing and Certification Branch at 916-322-2911 to request a license application. Prior to initial licensure, the applicant must complete a written application, submit an approved fire clearance from the local fire authority, pay an applicable license fee (nonprofit organizations and local governmental entities are exempt from the license fee), and pass a facility on-site inspection conducted by ADP to determine compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. When it has been determined that the applicant is in compliance with all requirements, ADP will issue a license valid for two years.

H.R. 5661 Bill Improves Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits

The newly enacted Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 2000 contains some key provisions affecting rural providers. These include:

- Clarification of no beneficiary cost-sharing for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests furnished by Critical Access Hospitals.
- Assistance with fee schedule payment for professional services under all-inclusive rate.
- Exemption of Critical Access Hospital swing beds from SNF PPS.
- Payment in Critical Access Hospitals for emergency room on-call physicians.

- Treatment of ambulance services furnished by certain Critical Access Hospitals.
- GAO Study on certain eligibility requirements for Critical Access Hospitals.
- Treatment of rural Disproportionate Share Hospitals.
- Option to base eligibility for Medicare dependent, Small Rural Hospital Program on discharges during 2 of the 3 most recent audited cost reporting periods.
- Extension of option to use rebased target amounts to all Sole Community Hospitals.
- MedPAC analysis of impact of volume on per unit cost of rural hospitals with psychiatric units.
- Assistance for providers of ambulance services in rural areas.
- Payment for certain physician

assistant services.

- Expansion of Medicare Payment for telehealth services.
- Expanding access to Rural Health Clinics owned by hospitals.
- New prospective payment system for Federally-Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics.
- Temporary Increase for Home Health Services furnished in a rural area
- Treatment of certain physician pathology services under Medicare.
- Prospective Payment System for FQHCs.

For the full summary of the changes, visit our website at www.ruralhealth.ca.gov.

CRHPC Small Grant Awards for 2000 - 2001

The CRHPC Small Grants program received one hundred four applications for a total of \$2,468,704. Of these 13 were submitted from rural hospitals, 14 local government agencies, 49 federally qualified health centers,, and 28 other licensed rural clinics or community-based organizations. Awards were announced December 1, 2000 and went to 5 rural hospitals, 6 local government agencies, 10 community-based organizations, and 23 clinics. Thanks to all the applicants and congratulations to the 44 awardees!

| Awardee | Amount | Awardee | Amount |
|---|----------|---|--------------------|
| Alcohol Drug Care Services, Inc. - Eureka | \$25,000 | Modoc Medical Center | \$24,992 |
| Anderson Valley Health Center, Inc. | \$25,000 | Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice, Inc. | \$12,000 |
| Avalon Municipal Hospital & Clinic | \$24,988 | Mt. Shasta Medi-Cal Clinic, Inc. | \$17,394 |
| Avenal Community Health Center | \$25,000 | Northeastern Rural Health Clinics, Inc. | \$25,000 |
| Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital | \$25,000 | Open Door Hlth Ctrs dba Humboldt Open Door Clinic | \$20,500 |
| Colusa County Dept. of Health & Human Services | \$25,000 | Partners in Care Foundation for Visiting Nurse Home Serv. | \$25,000 |
| Communicare Health Ctrs., dba Esparto Dental Clinic | \$25,000 | Peg Taylor Center for Adult Day Health Care | \$25,000 |
| Community Hlth Systems - Fallbrook Family Health | \$25,000 | Placer Co. Rural Health Community Clinic - Kings Beach | \$25,000 |
| Consolidated Tribal Health Project | \$25,000 | Sage Community Health Center | \$25,000 |
| Copper Tower Family Medical Center, Inc. | \$25,000 | San Joaquin Health Center | \$25,000 |
| Corcoran District Hospital | \$25,000 | Shasta Community Health Center | \$25,000 |
| County Of Nevada/Human Services Agency | \$25,000 | Sierra Family Medical Clinic, Inc. | \$25,000 |
| Del Norte Clinics dba Colusa Family Dentistry | \$25,000 | Southern Health Svcs., dba Mountain Empire Fmly Med. | \$25,000 |
| El Dorado Co. Public Health Department | \$25,000 | Southern Inyo Hospital | \$25,000 |
| Family Care Center - Paso Robles | \$25,000 | Southern Trinity Health Services | \$25,000 |
| Family Healthcare Network | \$25,000 | St. Mary Medical Center | \$24,822 |
| First Valley Medical Group | \$25,000 | Surprise Valley Hlth Care dba Surprise Vly Medical Clinic | \$8,085 |
| Foothill Medical Clinics, Inc. | \$25,000 | Tehama County Health Agency | \$25,000 |
| Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department | \$5,800 | Tulare Community Health Clinic, Inc. | \$25,000 |
| Hill Country Community Clinic, Inc. | \$25,000 | Tuolumne Co. MHADS dba Kings View Mental Health | \$25,000 |
| Kingsburg District Hospital | \$25,000 | United Health Org. dba Woodlake Family Health Center | \$25,000 |
| Kings View Madera Counseling Center | \$25,000 | Total | \$1,038,106 |
| Lassen Community Hospital | \$24,525 | | |

OSHPD RURAL HEALTH CAPITAL GRANTS AWARDED FY 2000-2001

On January 10, 2001, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development announced 73 grant awards of up to \$50,000 each for rural health infrastructure needs. One Hundred Forty-seven applications totaling \$6 million competed for the \$3 million available. Applications were scored by a team of evaluators from the public and private sectors. Congratulations to the successful applicants!

| Awardee | Amount | Awardee | Amount |
|--|----------|---|--------------------|
| Alcohol Drug Care Services, Inc. | \$35,937 | Mendocino Community Health Clinic | \$49,500 |
| Avalon Municipal Hospital and Clinic | 50,000 | Mendocino County Dept of Public Health | 50,000 |
| Bear Valley Community Health Care District | 50,000 | Modoc Medical Center | 50,000 |
| Bloss Memorial Healthcare District | 50,000 | Mono County Health | 43,800 |
| Calexico Valley Family Care Center | 25,876 | Morongo Basin Mental Health Services | 50,000 |
| Central Coast Neurobehavior Center, Inc. | 45,414 | Mt. Shasta Medi-cal Clinic, Inc. | 35,669 |
| Clinicas del Salud Del Pueblo Inc. | 45,683 | National Health Services, Inc. | 50,000 |
| Community Health Clinic Ole- St. Helena | 23,580 | Northeastern Rural Health Clinics | 50,000 |
| Community Health Clinic Ole- Lake Berryessa | 23,580 | Northern California EMS, Inc. | 49,828 |
| Del Norte Clinics, Inc. - Chico Family Health Ctr. | 50,000 | Open Door McKinley Community Health Ctr. | 3,181 |
| Del Norte Community Health Center | 9,423 | Orick Community Health Center | 3,961 |
| Dos Palos Memorial Hospital | 50,000 | Potter Valley Community Health Center | 40,000 |
| Douty Dental Health Clinic | 36,180 | Redbud Community Hospital | 49,673 |
| El Dorado County Public Health Department | 41,300 | Right Road Recovery Program, Inc. | 49,289 |
| Emergency Services Foundation | 50,000 | Riverside-San Bernardino Cnty Indian Health | 20,842 |
| Escuela del Rio-START | 16,977 | Round Valley Indian Health Center, Inc. | 50,000 |
| Escuela del Rio-START | 27,130 | San Benito Health Foundation | 18,377 |
| Foothill Community Clinics, Inc. | 49,056 | Selma Community Hospital, Inc. | 40,400 |
| Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital | 50,000 | Seneca Healthcare District | 50,000 |
| Georgetown Fire Protection District | 32,550 | Shingletown Medical Center | 50,000 |
| Hanford Community Medical Center | 50,000 | Sierra Recovery Center | 41,100 |
| Hayfork Volunteer Fire Dept. | 21,650 | Smith River Community Health Center | 5,500 |
| Hill Country Community Clinic | 50,000 | Southern Health Services dba | |
| Humboldt Open Door Clinic | 9,423 | Mountain Empire Family Medicine | 49,946 |
| Indian Health Council, Inc. | 41,659 | Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare | 50,000 |
| Innovative Healthcare Services (Peg Taylor | | Southern Inyo Healthcare District | 50,000 |
| Center for Adult Day Health Care) | 44,735 | Southern Trinity Health Services | 50,000 |
| Kern Valley Hospital /Kern Valley | | Surprise Valley Health Care District | 50,000 |
| Healthcare District | 47,487 | Sutter County Human Services, Mental Health | 50,000 |
| Kings County Health Dept. | 50,000 | Tahoe Forest Hospital District | 49,968 |
| Kingsburg District Hospital | 50,000 | Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District | 50,000 |
| Lassen Community Hospital | 45,635 | Tehema County Health Center | 50,000 |
| Long Valley Health Center | 7,370 | Trinity County Behavioral Health | 50,000 |
| Long Valley Health Center | 31,804 | Trinity County Life Support | 50,000 |
| Lutz Center, The - Adult Day Services | 50,000 | Tulare Community Health Clinic | 50,000 |
| Mammoth Hospital | 50,000 | Tuolumne General Hospital | 50,000 |
| Marshall Hospital | 50,000 | Yolo County Health Department | 50,000 |
| Mayers Memorial Hospital Dist. | 50,000 | Total | \$2,993,908 |
| Mendocino Coast Health Care District | 30,425 | | |

CRHPC's Web Site

After several months of input and testing, the improved CRHPC web site is now online. We have added several entries to the various topic sections. At the same time, we have removed the many levels of navigation that were difficult and confusing for many of our constituents. The print has been bolded and the background is brighter.

The home page has a "hot stuff" box where items for your immediate attention will be listed and linked, such as funding opportunities, important meetings, and proposed government regulations.

The funding section contains an index at the beginning that lists all the funding sources with bookmarks that link directly to the place

in the funding section for that source. In addition, a new button is next to each new or updated funding source.

We will be adding additional pages on various topics as the information becomes available.

Please visit our site at the same address: www.ruralhealth.ca.gov and let us know your opinion about the site via the feedback form.

Paperless Goal at CRHPC

The CRHPC Office is striving to become as "paperless" as possible. We will be sending the *Newscast* as well as other items of importance via e-mail rather than through regular mail.

We sent the October 13, 2000 issue of the *Newscast* via e-mail. If you did not receive it via e-mail, we

do not have your current e-mail address. Please send us your name, e-mail address, the facility or organization where you are located, along with the address and telephone number. Send updated information to:

rhpc@oshpd.state.ca.us

For those of you who do not have e-mail, we will continue to send correspondence and publications via the U.S. Mail system. Thank You!

Jobs Available Update

Current Listings:

| By Practice Setting: | |
|----------------------|----|
| Hospitals | 26 |
| Clinics | 32 |
| Public Health | 12 |
| LTC/SNF | 2 |
| Mental Health/ | 3 |
| Substance Abuse | |

By Type of Position:

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Patient Care | 46 |
| Ancillary | 11 |
| Administrative | 18 |

Positions Filled:

| By Practice Setting: | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Hospitals | 358 |
| Clinics | 514 |
| Public Health | 336 |
| LTC/SNF | 29 |
| Mental Health/ | 153 |
| Substance Abuse | |

By Type of Position:

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|----------------|-----|
| Patient Care | 821 |
| Ancillary | 158 |
| Administrative | 411 |

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